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**Re: Fourmile Timber Sale Environmental Impact Statement**

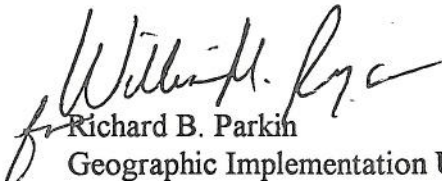
Dear Mr. Alexander:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fourmile Timber Sale on the New Meadows Ranger District of the Payette National Forest, Idaho. The final EIS evaluates four alternatives: three harvest alternatives and one "no action" alternative.

The final EIS has addressed many of the concerns in our January 5, 1994 comment letter on the draft EIS (see *Chapter 4 Public Involvement, Comment Letter 16 - EPA*), and we appreciate the Forest Service's commitment to monitoring and evaluation in the ROD. However, the EPA still has concerns about the potential cumulative impacts on water quality and fisheries resources due to the impacts of sedimentation, especially in light of the serious channel alterations on the Little Salmon River which resulted from a significant rain on snow event in the 1996-1997 winter. The final EIS indicates that the proposed activity will have minimal effects on the Little Salmon River, yet we were unable to locate information in the final EIS to support this assertion.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this final EIS. If you have any questions about our comments, please contact me at (206) 553-8574.

Sincerely,

  
for Richard B. Parkin  
Geographic Implementation Unit

# Summary Paragraph Form

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## Summary

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"Step"  
on the Little  
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